

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KINSHA 01879 060623Z

16

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

AID-05 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-03 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03

CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 AGR-05 INT-05 OES-03

/090 W

----- 041843

R 051450Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1565

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KINSHASA 1879

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, EMIN, CG

SUBJ: MINERALS EXPLOITATION

REF: (A) KINSHASA 1633

(B) STATE 044669

(C) KINSHASA 1811

1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON MINISTER FOR MINES, D'ZBO, FEB. 4 AND TOOK OCCASION TO QUESTION IN MOST GENERAL TERMS IMPLICATION OF RECENT GOZ DECISION TO RESTRICT COPPER/COBALT EXPLOITATION. D'ZBO HELD FORTH VAGUELY FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES, DROPPING FOLLOWING TIDBITS ALONG WAY:

A) INTENT OF GOZ THREEFOLD: TO ENCOURAGE NEW INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE; TO SIGNAL CLEARLY TO POTENTIAL MINING INVESTORS THAT THEY SHOULD LOOK TO MINERALS OTHER THAN COPPER/COBALT AND TO AREAS OTHER THAN SHABA, KASAI AND KIVU; AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT PROJECTIONS OF COPPER PRICE ARGUED AGAINST

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KINSHA 01879 060623Z

NEW PRODUCTION BEYOND THAT ENVISAGED BY EXISTING

THREE COMPANIES.

B) WHILE HE NOT COMPLETELY AWARE OF DETAILS KENNECOTT/GECAMINES DISCUSSIONS, D'ZBO DOUBTED THAT JOINT VENTURE WOULD FLY, (1) BECAUSE OF GENERAL INTENT TO HOLD FUTURE PRODUCTION AT CURRENTLY AGREED LEVELS AND (2) BECAUSE "WHILE IT IS NATURAL FOR STATE-OWNED ORGANIZATION TO TAKE SHARES IN PRIVATE VENTURES, IT IS LESS LIKELY THAT PRIVATE COMPANIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO BUY INTO STATE-OWNED ORGANIZATIONS". ECON COUNSELOR DID NOT TRY TO POINT OUT THAT KENNECOTT PROPOSAL DID NOT REALLY FIT IN THIS CONTEXT.

C) REYNOLDS, ESSO EASTERN AND ANY OTHER NON-COPPER/COBALT VENTURE ARE IN NO WAY AFFECTED BY DECISIONS.

2. COMMENT: WE STILL BELIEVE BEST WAY TO SMOKE OUT GOZ INTENT RE KENNECOTT IS FOR COMPANY TO POSE DIRECT QUESTION.

HINTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COPPER, COBALT, POLICIES, EXPLOITATION (NATURAL RESOURCES)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975KINSHA01879
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750078-0259
From: KINSHASA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750381/aaaacuxt.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 KINSHASA 1633
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 AUG 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <02 SEP 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MINERALS EXPLOITATION
TAGS: EINV, EMIN, CG, US, KENNECOTT
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006